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notice

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To: Michigan Horsemen

From: Christine White, Racing Commissioner *Christine White*

Subject: Use of Cold Therapy on Race Day

The Office of Racing Commissioner (ORC) is responsible for protecting the integrity of horse racing in Michigan and guarding the health, safety and welfare of the horse.

The ORC is concerned with medications, devices and apparatus that may alter a horse's performance. The ORC does allow cold therapy to be used in the ship-in barn and private stables up until scheduled time of arrival at the race paddock.

Cold therapy includes cold water, ice, medicated packs and the cold compression device known as the Game Ready™ Equine system. Any use of any other system or similar therapy needs the prior approval of the Racing Commissioner.

The scheduled arrival time at the paddock is to be determined by the stewards at the track.

Any licensee found to be in violation of the use of cold therapies and/or abusing the arrival times at the paddock shall be subject to a scratch, a fine and/or a suspension.